(iii) ensure that teachers of the school diligently perform the duties prescribed for them;

(iv) disburse salary to teachers from the grants received for the purpose from the appropriate Government/local authority, and to deduct payment of salary for the period of unauthorized absence, if any, in such manner as decided by the SMC;

(v) utilize other grants received from the appropriate government, local authority or any other source for the upkeep and development of the school, in accordance with the terms of such grant and the rules made in that behalf; and

(vi) such other functions as may be prescribed.

The objective of involving the School Management Committee is to facilitate community ownership and active involvement of parents and representatives of local authority in the functioning of the school in order to achieve the goal of universalization of elementary education.

The Model Right to Education Bill has not yet been finalized as the draft Bill has been circulated to the States/UTs with a view to seek their comments thereon.

**Expenditure under SSA in Bihar**

†2148 SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Bihar has spent 60 per cent of total available amount and only 33 per cent of allocated amount during the current year under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation in other States is different as compared to Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) An amount of Rs. 1077.44 crores has been released by Government of India to Bihar under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme during the current financial

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

year. Government of Bihar has spent 61.70% of available funds as on 31.12.2006. However, the expenditure is only 33.23% with respect to the total Annual Work Plan and Budget approved for Bihar for 2006-07.

(b) and (c) Several States have reached higher levels of expenditure than Bihar by end of December 2006. However, the Bihar SSA programme has shown improvement in fund utilization compared to the same period in the pervious year.

**Drop-out in rural areas**

2149. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the school drop-out rate in the rural areas especially with reference to SCs/STs and other backward classes in the country;

(b) how far it has been controlled after the launch of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(c) the drop-out rate position in Orissa; and

(d) the action plan of the Centre to help this backward region both financially and physically to control this rate in the rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) All India and Orissa State drop-out rates of Total, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in Classes I-V, I-VIII and I-X for the year 2004-05 are given as under:

(In percentage)

| Categories | Classes I-V | | Classes I-VIII | | Classes I-X | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | All India | Orissa | All India | Orissa | All India | Orissa |
| Total | 29.00 | 39.34 | 50.84 | 61.95 | 61.92 | 64.42 |
| Scheduled Castes | 34.21 | 44.58 | 57.26 | 66.00 | 71.25 | 71.20 |
| Scheduled Tribes | 42.32 | 58.62 | 65.87 | 80.06 | 78.97 | 83.24 |

Annual class-wise enrolment figures are not collected for rural areas and OBC students separately, and therefore, drop-out rates for these